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## Wabash Plain Dealer's new office now open

The Wabash Plain Dealer's new office is now open on the second floor at 99 W. Canal St.

## Wabash VFW fish fry set for Friday

A fish fry has been scheduled from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6 at the Wabash VFW Post 286, 1 Veterans Memorial Parkway South. The menu will include hand-battered fish, French fries, coleslaw and hush puppies. The cost is \$8 for all-you-can-eat dine-in. Carry-outs will be available. For more information, call 260-563-2463.

## Ice skating, winter market, more available during First Friday

Organized by Wabash Marketplace, First Friday encourages the community to celebrate downtown with extended hours from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6. Ice skating will be available on Miami Street. To keep the holiday spirit going on Miami Street, Wabash Marketplace is offering an outdoor Winter Market from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. For more information visit [www.wabashmarketplace.org](http://www.wabashmarketplace.org), or call 260-563-0975.

## Museum to host Family Fun Night

The Wabash County Historical Museum, 36 E. Market St., will host a Family Fun Night from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, featuring a visit from Santa Claus.

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# City to host OCRA, Edinburgh officials



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**MAKING A POINT:** Wabash Mayor Scott Long, second to the left, speaks with officials during his visit to Edinburgh.

## Friday visit part of ongoing mentorship program

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Representatives from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) and the town of Edinburgh will be in Wabash starting at 2:30 p.m. Friday for a walking tour, according to a Tuesday statement to the Plain Dealer from Maria Smyth, receptionist for the city of Wabash.

In September, Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) announced that the town of Edinburgh will be mentored by a partnership between the cities of Rushville and Wabash.

"I am so looking forward to showcasing Wabash and what we have accomplished with our new friends from Edinburgh," stated Mayor Scott Long in response to a Plain Dealer request Wednesday. "Wabash is a continual team effort to transform our community into a great destination to live or visit. Through the cooperation of local groups, we (can) do transformational things for the betterment of all. I often invite mayors of cities and town managers to come, visit and steal any idea they see to implement in their communities. If they are successful, our region is successful, and our state is successful. That is what I want for the future of my children and grandchildren, to live in a successful community."

The peer program's goal is for local leadership to gather best practices and the necessary tools to advance an innovative vision through in-person assessments, stakeholder conversations and peer advisement.



**VISIT:** Officials from Rushville and Wabash have visited Edinburgh as a part of the program, and on Friday, Edinburgh officials are repaying the favor in Wabash.



**MENTORS:** In September, Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) announced that the town of Edinburgh will be mentored by a partnership between the cities of Rushville and Wabash.

"(Edinburgh) outlined a clear desire to better engage their community and local industry, to focus on busi-

ness attraction and retention in their downtown and were already taking steps towards addressing needs. However,

they also recognize the benefits of mentorship and how

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## 'Christmas in Our Town' performance set

### STAFF REPORT

The North Manchester Historical Society is set to present the Wabash Musicales program "Christmas in Our Town" at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9, in the Assembly Room of the Timbercrest Senior Living Community, 2201 East St., North Manchester,

according to a press release.

"Evelyn Magner founded Wabash Musicales in 1967 to encourage musicians to continue to practice and enjoying singing and playing their instruments," stated the release.

There is no cost for the program, and all are welcome to attend.

## Holiday Gift-making Day at Salamonie set

### STAFF REPORT

Bring your family to the Holiday Gift-making Day from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 at Salamonie Lake's Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews.

"We will be making Christmas tree ornaments

— or, garland, if you prefer — tree cookie ornaments and pine cone gifts for birds to take home," according to a press release.

The cost is \$3 per person.

Advance registration is requested. Call 260-468-2127 to reserve a spot.

## NIPSCO announces electric rate increases for customers

New prices will begin taking effect Jan. 1, 2020 as groups raise concerns

BY ROB BURGESS

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Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO), a subsidiary of NiSource, received a decision this week from the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) to modify its electric rates effective Jan. 1, 2020.

Meanwhile, a cadre of concerned groups lodged complaints against the move, contending that while "northwest Indiana industrialists get a break, families and small businesses pick up the tab."

However, in response to a Plain Dealer request, a representative for NIPSCO criticized that characterization.

### Rate increase

The decision follows an extensive regulatory review and public input process, which began with NIPSCO's original proposal in November 2018, and "has resulted in a balanced outcome for customers," stated a Thursday press release from NIPSCO.

"Providing affordable and reliable energy is essential," stated Violet Sistovaris, NIPSCO president. "New rates are anticipated to remain in line with the national average as we focus on continuing to better serve customers now and into the future."

An average NIPSCO residential electric customer will see an overall increase of approximately \$6 per month instead of \$11 as in the original proposal. The change will be phased in across two steps. The first will begin Jan. 1, 2020 and the second will start March 1, 2020.

Included within the overall bill change will be a decrease in the monthly customer charge, the flat monthly cost associated with serving

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## Democrats take big new step toward impeaching Trump

BY LISA MASCARO  
and MARY CLARE JALONICK  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. House is pressing forward to draft articles of impeachment against President Donald Trump, Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced Thursday.

"Our democracy is what is at stake," Pelosi said somberly. "The president leaves us no choice but to act."

Pelosi delivered the historic announcement in solemn tones, drawing on the Constitution and the Founding Fathers, as Democrats push toward a vote, possibly before Christmas.

"The president's actions have seriously violated the Constitution," she said from the speaker's office at the Capitol. "He is trying to corrupt, once again, the election for his own benefit. The president has engaged in abuse of power, undermining our national security and jeopardizing the integrity of our elections."

"Sadly, but with confidence

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and humility, with allegiance to our founders and a heart full of love for America, today I am asking our chairmen to proceed with articles of impeachment,” Pelosi said.

At the core of the impeachment probe is a July call with the president of Ukraine, in which Trump pressed the leader to investigate Democrats and political rival Joe Biden as the White House was withholding military aid to the country bordering an aggressive Russia.

Pelosi emphasized the Russia angle at a news conference later, saying that it’s Russia and President Vladimir Putin who benefited most from Trump’s actions toward Ukraine

“All roads lead to Putin. Understand that,” she declared. “That was the a-ha moment.”

Asked as she was leaving if she hates Trump, Pelosi stiffened, returned to the podium and responded sharply that the president’s views and politics are for the voters at elections to judge, but “this is about the Constitution.” She said that as a Catholic, she does not hate the president but rather is praying for him daily.

Eager to fight, Trump

quickly tweeted back that he didn’t believe her.

Earlier, Trump tweeted that if Democrats “are going to impeach me, do it now, fast.” He said he wanted to get on to a “fair trial” in the Senate. The president also said that Democrats have “gone crazy.”

At the White House, press secretary Stephanie Grisham accused Pelosi of ignoring issues Americans care about to focus on removing Trump from office. She asked, “How many Democrats will join her driving right off the cliff with this illegitimate impeachment hoax?”

The GOP leader of the House, Kevin McCarthy, said Pelosi was “more concerned about tearing the president down than building the country up.” Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., accused Democrats of choosing impeachment over important legislation, though many House-passed bills are waiting for action in his chamber. “It’s all impeachment, all the time,” he said.

Drafting articles of impeachment is a milestone moment, only the fourth time in U.S. history Congress has tried to remove a president, and it intensifies the deeply partisan undertaking that is consuming Washington and dividing the nation.

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it can help provide unique approaches to their current challenges,” stated Colette Childress, OCRA project manager, in response to a Plain Dealer request Wednesday.

Crouch stated these “two strong mentors can each provide a different perspective that will ultimately help Edinburgh grow based on their goals and vision for the community.” Through a guided process, each community will meet with Edinburgh to discuss unique community attributes as well as goals, expectations and steps of the mentorship process.

“Both Wabash and Rushville have consistently demonstrated a successful model in engagement a downtown revitalization,” stated Childress. “Wabash has long been a great model community that others can model in their downtown. Rushville has become the small but mighty community to replicate in how well and often they engage the community. Both cities are also Stellar Communities Designee and we believe that the process allowed for them to grow and improve.”

Since the partnership was announced, Edinburgh has hosted groups from Wabash and Rushville to showcase their town’s community assets, as well as highlight the



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**MANAGER: JT Doane, Edinburgh town manager, center, leads the tour of his town.**

community’s strengths and areas of opportunities.

“Edinburgh will be looking to see how Wabash has been able to reach the level of success you see today,” stated Childress. “Edinburgh will be looking to not just see the sights but to hear how the projects came to fruition, what partnerships are in place, what roadblocks were discovered, what Wabash would recommend that they do differently or the same. Also, and most importantly, Edinburgh will hear a few take-aways to implement in their town while keeping their own unique identity.”

During the process, the

mentorship team will include notes of the proposed strategies for collaboration and project areas from their combined unique perspective. Edinburgh will complete the process with action steps guided by OCRA. These will include specific ideas, identification of partners and a guide for future community development.

“This is the first year of this program but we are seeing seedlings of community mentorship grow across the state,” stated Childress. “We hope this program inspires communities to reach out and become a mentor or ask for help as a mentee.”

Edinburgh will receive a

\$20,000 cash matched grant to implement a quality of place project based on recommendations from the process.

“Travel stipends were provided for all communities to help cover travel costs,” stated Childress. “Edinburgh will receive \$20,000 in cash matched funds for a project to be identified after the completion of the visits and community input. Both Rushville and Wabash will each receive \$4,000 cash match funds to put towards the quality of place projects that have been identified throughout the process.”

For more information, visit [www.in.gov/ocra/2999.htm](http://www.in.gov/ocra/2999.htm).

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Downtown businesses to extend hours on select dates

Participating shops will be open until 7 p.m. on the following dates: Dec. 6, 7, 12, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20 and 21.

Lessons and Carols service set for Dec. 6

The Lessons and Carols worship service will take place at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. This service blends lessons of the season with traditional Christmas carols and hymns, featuring Manchester University Chamber Singers and Cantabile.

Honeywell House to host holiday floral arranging

Jennifer Love-George of Love Bug Floral will instruct guests on creating a seasonal arrangement at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 at 720 N. Wabash St. The cost is \$25 per person, which covers all materials. Sponsorship is provided by Crossroads Bank. Seating is limited, but reservations are encouraged and can be made at [www.HoneywellHouse.org](http://www.HoneywellHouse.org) or by calling the Box Office at 260-563-1102.

Holiday Pops! concert set for Dec. 8

The Manchester Symphony Orchestra Holiday Pops! concert will take place at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8 in Cordier Auditorium. Tickets are \$15 general admission; free for MU students, faculty and staff, as well as all students age 18 and younger.

Wabash Community Band Christmas concert planned

Enjoy all your Christmas favorites at a concert and for all ages at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8 at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St.

Choral concert featuring Christmas music planned

A choral concert under the direction of Pastor Kent Harding, featuring classic traditional Christmas music will take

place at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, at the Living Well Winchester Center 239 Bond St.

‘The Polar Express’ to be shown at the Honeywell Center

“The Polar Express” will be shown at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10 in the Honeywell Center’s Ford Theater. The admission fee will be \$2 per person.

Mike Almon acoustic guitar concert planned

Come and listen to a variety of acoustic guitar music from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 35 E. Market St. Call 260-563-4475 for more information.

Christmas at the Museum Annual Banquet planned

On Wednesday, Dec. 11, the Wabash County Historical Museum, 36 E. Market St., will be hosting Christmas at the Museum Annual Banquet.

Paint Like Bob Ross at the NMPL

Two Paint Like Bob Ross class take place at the North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) in December. The first, “Seasons Greetings,” will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11. The second, another “Poinsettias” session, will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14. This class requires registration and a \$20 materials fee upon registering. Space is limited. Register at the front desk or call 260-982-4773.

Red Cross blood donation opportunity set for Dec. 12

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, at the Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester.

Charley Creek Gardens to host 10th Annual Yule Time Stroll

Charley Creek Gardens will host its 10th Annual Yule Time Stroll, open to the public from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13 to Monday, Dec. 23 at 551 N. Miami St. This event is free and open to the public.

Parking is available at 518 N. Wabash St.

LaFontaine Lions to host Santa Breakfast

The LaFontaine Lions will host a Santa Breakfast from 7:30 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14 at the LaFontaine Community Building. The menu will include scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, sausage gravy, biscuit, juice, milk and coffee. Santa arrives at 9 a.m. There will be a free-will donation. Proceeds will go towards the LaFontaine United Methodist Church food pantry. Please bring in non-perishable foods. Donations of old glasses and keys will also be accepted.

Christmas concert planned for Dec. 15

A Christmas concert featuring the Wabash sixth grade chorus has been planned from 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15 at the Living Well Winchester Center; 239 Bond St. To enjoy the sounds of the season, register by calling 260-563-4475.

‘White Christmas’ to be shown at the Honeywell Center

“White Christmas” will be shown at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17 in the Honeywell Center’s Ford Theater. The admission fee will be \$2 per person.

Red Cross blood donation opportunity set for Dec. 17

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, at the First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Cass St.

‘Ask a Teenager’ tech basics event planned

Bring your electronic devices and your questions, assistance provided by Heartland Career Center Tech students at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17 at the Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. Sign-up is requested by calling 260-563-4475.

Census job opportunities to be discussed

The U.S. Census Bureau has planned a presentation at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday,

Dec. 18 at the Living Well Downtown, 35 E. Market St. to present upcoming census job opportunities. Register for this event by calling 260-563-4475.

Celebrate ‘The Wonders of Winter’ on Dec. 18

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Preschool’s “The Wonders of Winter” from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18 at Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The program fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is appreciated. Register by calling Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at 260-468-2127. For more information on other UWIS programs, visit [dnr.IN.gov/uwis](http://dnr.IN.gov/uwis) or facebook.com/upperwabash.

DivorceCare presents ‘Surviving the Holidays’ series

The DivorceCare support group, which meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Room 112 in the Wabash Friends Church, 3563 South State Road 13, will be offering a DVD series “Surviving the Holidays” through Tuesday, Dec. 17. Group leader and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For

more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658 or group leader Janet Quillen at 260-571-5235; email [office@wabashfriends.org](mailto:office@wabashfriends.org); or visit [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org).

Breakfast with Santa planned

On Saturday, Dec. 21, Santa will be coming to Breakfast with Santa and will have a special treat for children at the Wabash County Historical Museum, 36 E. Market St.

Low Impact Fitness classes scheduled

Fitness that is both fun and free led by Mary Jo McClelland at 9:45 a.m. every Monday and Thursday, and 3 p.m. Wednesdays at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. There is no fee or registration required.

Cancer care advocate available every Tuesday

A cancer care advocate is available from 1 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday at the Winchester Senior Center, 239 Bond St. No appointment is needed. This service is supported by the Hope Foundation and provided by Cancer Services out of Fort Wayne.

Yoga classes scheduled on Tuesdays

Yoga for those who are intermediate to experi-

enced levels have been scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. The cost is \$10, and discount passes are available.

Red Cross blood donation opportunity set for Dec. 27

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, at Parkview Wabash Hospital, 10 John Kissinger Drive.


January Salamonie Senior Luncheon set

The monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be held at noon Monday, Jan. 6, 2020 at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to attend. The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. Potato soup will be provided. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage and their table service. A \$1 donation will be accepted. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127.

Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to [news@wabashplaindealer.com](mailto:news@wabashplaindealer.com) no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

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A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 123 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 123 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to news@wabashplaindealer.com with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.

inspiration corner

Daily scripture

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Philippians 4:8

our take

Shop local. It's important.

Every year, the average American spends nearly \$700 on holiday gifts and goodies each year, the National Retail Federation estimates.

That's \$465 billion, which is a lot of power.

Unfortunately, most of that money will be spent outside our county lines, which is something we should all be aware of when we are filling our Christmas lists this year. It's also something we need to bring awareness to because if people knew the power of keeping money local, we would all feel the benefits.

If even a portion of that money can be spent locally, it could bolster our local economy in a way that will have a lasting impact.

Shopping at a locally-owned store is the easiest way to help the community, but even shopping at a brick-and-mortar chain store like Walmart is better than ordering

something off Amazon.

Large companies like Amazon are causing a shift toward shopping online, allowing us to get the monotonous task of going store to store done in a matter of minutes without ever leaving our couches.

Sure, it's easier, but it's not better – not by a long-shot.

Large companies like Amazon are known to consolidate their operations and automate production as much as possible.

Automation means fewer jobs.

Plus, we've all experienced the robotic phone menus we are forced to go through just to get a simple question answered. The more we buy into these companies, the more they feel justified in their use of automation.

Sure, large companies that leverage vertical integration can offer some discounts smaller companies

can't, but the difference in price is often minimal compared to the benefit that shopping local makes.

By shopping in town, you're supporting entrepreneurship, local jobs, and giving someone who lives within Wabash County a paycheck that will hopefully, in turn, be spent within our county borders.

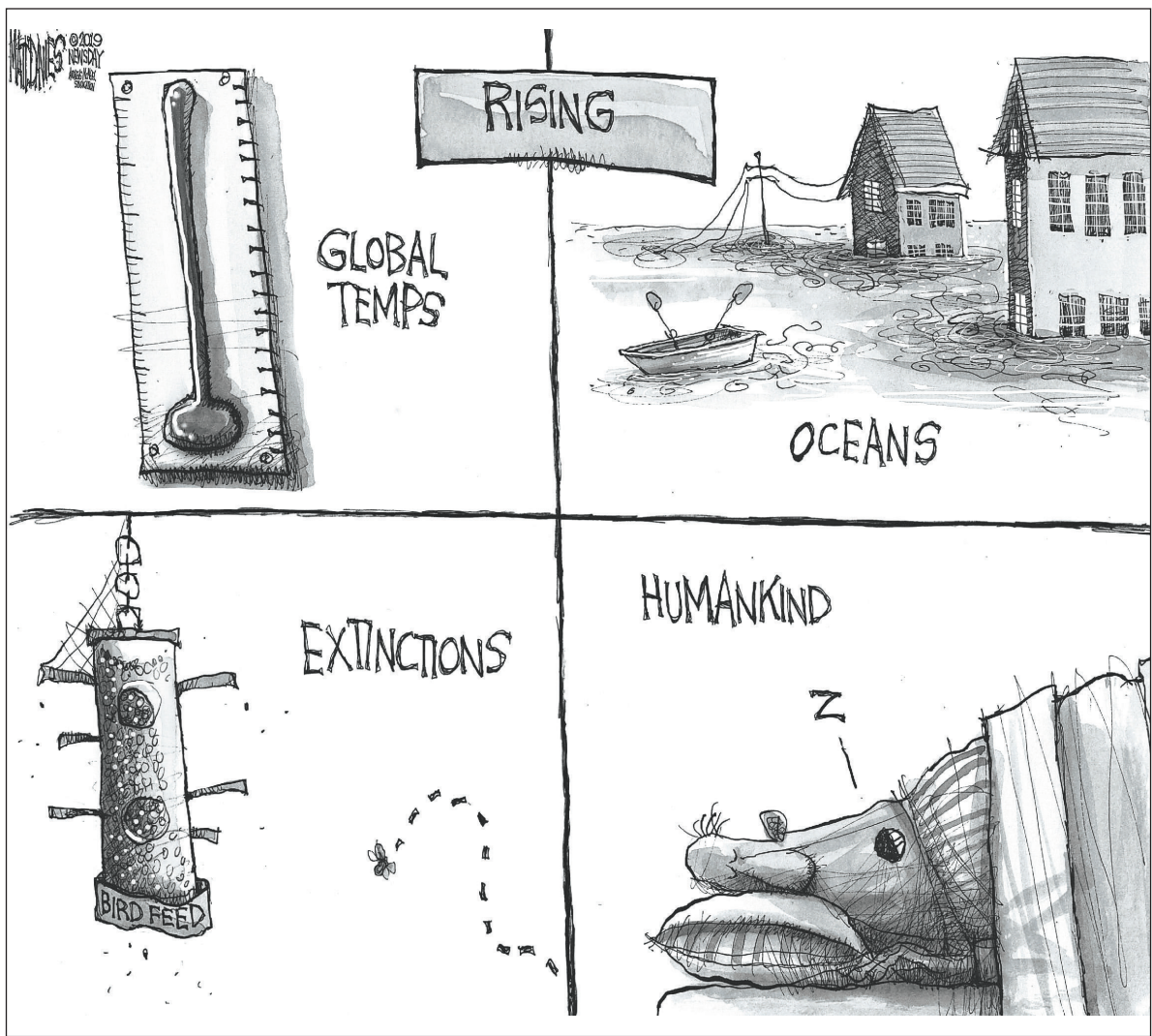
You're getting the convenience of leaving a store with a quality product, and you're getting customer service that can't be beaten by anything online.

If we don't support our neighbors, local stores, locally-owned or not, will begin closing their doors.

It's something we can't afford to happen, especially when we have so many great local-owned establishments.

This holiday season, remember that you hold a lot of power.

Shop local. It's important.



Faithless electors have a right to be unfaithful

The Supreme Court will soon decide whether to decide a dispute between lower courts about a recurring problem that has not been a serious problem. If, however, "faithless electors" ever becomes such a problem, it would propel the court into a political maelstrom with high stakes and intense passions, with an inflexible deadline impending. So, the court should answer this question: Do "faithless electors" have a constitutional right to be such?

They are persons who are selected to cast a state's Electoral College votes and who, after the popular votes have been tabulated, vote contrary to their public commitment, to the public's expectations, and to state statutes that penalize electors who vote contrary to the party they were designated to represent.

In 2016, 10 of the 538 designated electors either cast their votes for persons other than the nominees of these electors' parties, or tried to and were blocked from doing so. A change of 10 electoral votes would have switched the outcome of five of the 58 previous elections.

In Washington state, three Democratic electors voted for Republican Colin Powell rather than Hillary Clinton, and each was fined \$1,000. Washington state's Supreme Court upheld the fines, arguing that "nothing in [the Constitution] suggests that electors have discretion to cast their votes without limitation." In Colorado, however, a Democratic elector voted for Ohio Republican Gov. John Kasich rather than Clinton, and Colo-

rado's secretary of state nullified this vote. But the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit held that presidential electors have "the right to cast a vote for president ... with discretion."

Clearly Washington's court was mistaken, as are the majority of states, including Washington and Colorado, that have laws denying electors discretion. Washington's court was correct that nothing in the Constitution grants discretion. But nothing denies it. The Constitution says that each state shall appoint electors "in such manner as the legislature thereof may direct." The Washington court decided simply that the state power to choose the manner of selecting electors is "absolute" and – non sequitur alert – therefore includes each state's discretion to deny discretion to the electors. A contrary conclusion is justified by Congress' practice of counting and accepting votes that electors cast for candidates other than those the electors were pledged to support.

This practice of respecting electors' discretion is congruent with founding-era debates about, and behavior of, presidential electors. In Federalist 68, Alexander Hamilton justified regarding electors as independent actors because "a small number of persons, selected by their fellow citizens from the general mass, will be most likely to possess the information and discernment requisite" for the complex and momentous task of selecting a president. The fact that the Electoral College no longer functions as the Framers intended is irrelevant to the question of whether electors are independent actors.

If the Supreme Court resolves the conflict between the Washington court and the 10th Circuit, and does so in the 10th Circuit's favor, it will ac-

complish two things, one of prospective importance and one of immediate importance. It will guarantee that, in the event that in some future election faithless electors are numerous enough to alter an election's outcome, the court will at least not have to start from scratch in thinking through the issue of whether electors have a right to be unfaithful.

And by affirming that right, the court will make less likely the exercise of that right. This is so because the court will incentivize state political parties to be diligent about selecting steadfast electors.

This might matter now more than usual. America's increasing polarization has been apparent for several decades. In the first 11 elections after World War II, 1948-1988, seven times the victor won more than 400 electoral votes, and twice he won more than 500. Since 1988, no one has received 400 electoral votes, and the winners have averaged just 330. Since 1988, every election has had a popular-vote margin of less than 10 percent. Narrow popular-vote margins do not guarantee close electoral-vote margins: One of the Electoral College's virtues is that it tends to magnify the decisiveness of the victor's victory. However, close partisan balances in the popular vote increase the chances of a narrow margin in the Electoral College. In 2000, George W. Bush, who lost the popular vote to Al Gore, won the presidency by winning Florida by 537 votes, thereby winning in the Electoral College by five votes.

Close elections in turbulent times can excite rogue electors. That they have a right to be such does not make them wholesome.

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For the climate crisis, we have only ourselves to blame

We are losing the battle to save our planet, and we have no one to blame but ourselves.

As the United Nations opens its 25th climate change summit in Madrid, leaders

are seeking to put a brave face on a dismal situation. "My message here today is one of hope, not of despair," U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres told journalists Sunday.

Hope, unfortunately, is not a plan.

"The last five years have been the hottest ever recorded," Guterres said. "Sea levels are at the highest in human history." And as for the crusade to keep global warming below the level of utter catastrophe, Guterres reported that "the point of no return is no longer over the horizon. It is in sight and is hurtling towards us."

History will condemn a host of villains, starting with President Trump. The United States, as the globe's leading economic power, is uniquely positioned to lead the world toward climate solutions. Instead, Trump is deliberately worsening the problem by pulling out of the Paris climate accord and actively encouraging the increased burning of fossil fuels, including coal. Decades from now, we may well see this as the Trump administration's worst legacy.

Chinese President Xi Jinping, unlike Trump, understands and accepts the scientific consensus about climate change. But China's greenhouse gas emissions continue to soar and are now nearly double those of the United States. Xi continues to value rapid economic growth – fueled, in part, by new coal-fired power plants – over humanity's well-being in the long term.

India Prime Minister Narendra Modi has sharply boosted his nation's carbon emissions as well. The European Union has seen its emissions decline, but only modestly.

At least China, India and Europe are projected to meet their initial emissions targets under the Paris accord; the United States is not. But those targets were meant to be just a beginning. If warming is to be held to 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit above pre-Industrial levels by the end of this century – a level scientists consider awful but manageable – carbon emissions worldwide need to start dropping rapidly. Like, right now. Yet emissions last year reached an all-time high.

Despite what Trump and other ignoramuses might say, there is essentially no scientific disagreement about the fact that climate change is occurring or the fact that humankind is the cause.

A bulletin last week from the World Meteorological Organization, a U.N. agency, reported that the concentration of heat-trapping carbon dioxide in the atmosphere has risen by an incredible 47 percent since the Industrial Revolution. By examining the levels of various isotopes of carbon in the air, WMO scientists were able to show that the added carbon is of the kind emitted when coal and other fossil fuels are burned.

In other words, we've been found standing over the victim with the murder weapon in our hands.

At the Madrid climate summit – where House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is the highest-profile U.S. attendee – the assembled leaders will hear that prior assessments of climate change catastrophe were understated. Global warming is happening faster than predicted, with more dramatic consequences than previously imagined. Glaciers are melting. Seas are rising. Weather patterns have shifted in unpredictable ways, making monsoon rains unreliable, generating supercharged hurricanes and exposing once-temperate regions like Northern Europe to deadly heat waves.

The earth is immensely large, while each of us individually is very small. It may be difficult to imagine that we could have such a big impact on the environment. But look at photographs of the planet taken by astronauts and note how thin the atmosphere is. The air we breathe extends upward only roughly 10 miles – the distance many of us commute each day in our carbon-spewing SUVs and pickup trucks.

That issue of scale is one impediment to the kind of climate action we desperately need. An even bigger problem is the question of time.

We of the boomer cohort will long have returned to dust before climate change begins to feel like an everyday five-alarm crisis. Our children will feel it, though, and our grandchildren will suffer in ways we can only begin to grasp. Future generations will be mystified and furious. They will see from the historical record that we knew what was happening, that we knew of ways to at least slow it down – a carbon tax, for example – and that we did almost nothing.

Our benighted leaders fail to give us meaningful action on climate change because we fail to demand it. We can't look to the Madrid conference to save the planet. We must look within.

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## Christmas secrets

BY RICK BORGMAN

Pastor, Lagro United Methodist Church

I have a confession to make: I keep secrets at Christmas time. I usually start my shopping in late September or early October, keeping my eyes open for bargains and things that would be great gifts. I purchase and hide these gifts until it's time to give them. That time varies and this year we actually had a family Christmas on Thanksgiving Day.

Over the years I have had to do some creative hiding of gifts. I borrowed my neighbor's shed one year to hide my son's new bike. I love hiding presents, and I love wrapping and giving them as well. Small presents in big boxes, adding a brick or dictionary to a gift to add weight are a part of my Christmas pleasure.

Unfortunately, my wife has seen all my tricks, so I can't use them on her, but the rest of the family, especially my granddaughters, well that's a different story.

When it came time to celebrate the first Christmas morning, God Himself was keeping only one secret. The actual day Jesus was to be born.

It was no secret He would be born, "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel." (Isaiah 7:14, NKJV)

It was no secret where He was to be born, "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting." (Micah 5:2, NKJV)

From the beginning, God promised His Son would come. Every book in the Old Testament points to the inevitable arrival of the Messiah. The prophecies are given, the words are written for all to read for themselves, and then there is silence.

God's promised gift re-

mained hidden until the first Christmas day. You could say God finished His Christmas shopping early, how early? Well, there are 400 years between testaments, and then there's the amount of time it took for all the events since Creation to unfold.

The anticipation to the max for some. For others, they simply put it out of mind. Oh, they knew the promises and perhaps read it for themselves, but to delay Christmas for at least 400 years is too much.

Forgotten by many, but never forgotten by God, the day came as He promised. God sends a messenger to talk to Mary, who surrenders herself to the will of God. Then, more waiting, it's closer, now only nine months away. The exact day is still unknown.

Mary is well along in the pregnancy when with Joseph, she journeys to Bethlehem. Luke records this: "And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger ..." (Luke 2:6-7a, KJV)

As you celebrate this season remember there were no big boxes, gift bags, fancy paper, ribbons or bows to be found on the first Christmas morning. God gave His gift, the gift of His Love and it was wrapped in a simple package of rags and placed in a manger.

I guarantee it will be the merriest Christmas ever if you open God's gift for you. Though it comes wrapped in a simple package, Jesus is the greatest gift you will ever receive, the only gift will last forever, the gift of Eternal Life.

God's gift is for you; the tag has your name on it. It reads: "To: You, From: God." You have two options: You can refuse delivery. Or, you can accept delivery and open His gift.

Wishing you the merriest of all Christmases.

### Asbury Country Church

On Sunday, Dec. 8 worship services at Asbury Country Church will be at 10:30 a.m. and Sunday school will be at 9:30 a.m. The worship leader will be Amy Bullick. The music leader will be Roger Marine. Piano music will be by Cathy Staggs. The morning message from Pastor Mike Bullick will be "Blessings Are Blessed."

### First United Methodist Church

On Sunday, Dec. 8, the second Sunday of Advent, at First United Methodist Church, 110 Cass St., worship services will be at 8 and 10 a.m., with a coffee hour following the 10 a.m. service in the MAC. At the 8 a.m. service, the prelude and postlude will be played by Kathy Geible; the opening prayer and scripture reading will be by Pastor Nathan

Whybrew; and the Advent participants will be Pat and Marilyn Custer-Mitchell. At both the 8 and 10 a.m. services, the sermon series will be, "Are We There Yet?" The scripture will be Matthew 3:1-12. The sermon by Pastor Nathan Whybrew will be, "Finding Hope in The Desert." The children's message will be by Dave Mann. At the 10 a.m. service, the prelude will be by Karol Evenson, the opening prayer and scripture reading will be by David Van Camp and the postlude will be by Susan Vanlandingham. Check us out on our website at [www.wabashfirstumc.org](http://www.wabashfirstumc.org) and Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/wabashfirstumc/>.

### Christ United Methodist Church

On Sunday, Dec. 8, worship services at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St., are at 8 a.m. and

10 a.m. Pastor Chris Tiedeman's sermon is from James 5:7-10 titled, "Strength for the Journey." Check us out at [wabashchristumc.org](http://wabashchristumc.org) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/](http://www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/).

### Wabash First Church of God

At the Sunday, Dec. 8 worship services at Wabash First Church of God, 525 N. Miami St., the children and youth will present a Christmas program during the 10:30 a.m. service. Sunday servants are Todd Eltzroth, chairperson; Tina Eakright, worship; Nancy Kolb, piano; and Rose Sands, organ.

### Walk by Faith Community Church

At the Sunday, Dec. 8 service at the Walk by Faith Community Church in Roann, Sunday school will be at 9 a.m., and the wor-

ship and children's worship will be at 10 a.m. The pastor is Greg Wilburn. The youth pastor is Jody Tyner. Our greeters for this Sunday will be Scott and Sarah Hanes and Michael and Carmen Kuhn. Pastor Greg Wilburn will be sharing the message with us. We invite all to come and worship with us. Visit our website at [www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com](http://www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com).

### Wabash Friends Church

Please keep Wayne Osborne and his family in your prayers. He is having heart difficulties due to fluid being around his lungs. He is in critical condition, but has remained stable.

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## Buffalo bishop resigns under fire for handling of misconduct

BY NICOLE WINFIELD

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bishop Richard Malone of Buffalo resigned Wednesday, forced to step aside amid mounting calls for his ouster from his staff, priests and public over his handling of allegations of clergy sexual misconduct.

The Vatican said Pope Francis accepted the resignation and appointed Edward Scharfenberger, the bishop of Albany, New York, to run the Buffalo Diocese until a permanent replacement is found.

Malone insisted he had decided to retire two years before the mandatory retirement age of 75 on his own accord, after much prayer and discernment. However, the

Vatican embassy to the U.S. said Malone only offered to retire after learning the results of a Vatican-mandated investigation into the western New York diocese and its handling of abuse claims.

In a statement, Malone said he had come to believe "that the spiritual welfare of the people of the Diocese of Buffalo will be better served by a new bishop who perhaps is better able to bring about the reconciliation, healing and renewal that is so needed."

Scharfenberger told a news conference in Buffalo that he wants to be seen as a healer willing to listen and to develop trust.

"I feel a little bit like the neighbor down the block,"

he said, "and I realize that this family has been suffering quite a bit in recent months and years. And my heart just goes out you. And what I see is a need for a tremendous amount of healing ... honest conversation, openness."

As the new apostolic administrator for Buffalo, Scharfenberger plans to visit the eight-county diocese weekly while keeping up with his duties in Albany.

The diocese has been named in more than 220 re-

cent lawsuits by people who allege they were sexually abused by priests.

Many of the allegations date back decades, long before Malone's arrival in Buffalo in 2012. But critics say there have been more recent missteps by Malone, including his decision to return to ministry a priest who had been suspended by a previous bishop for including "love you" in a Facebook message to an eighth-grade boy.

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**Sweetwater Assembly of God**, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade).

## BAPTIST

**Emmanuel Free Will Baptist**, 129 Southwood Drive. Pastor Terry Hinds. (260) 563-3009. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday Worship 10:30am & 6pm; Children's Church 10:30am. Wednesday morning prayer service 11am. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm. Transportation available.

**Southside Free Will Baptist**, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm.

**Wabash Free Will Baptist Church**, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

## CATHOLIC

**St. Bernard Catholic Church**, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Saturday Mass 5:30pm. Sunday Masses Summer - 8am and 10:30am. Winter - 8am & 11am. Tues. & Thurs. 9am; 8:15am during school year. Weekday Masses: Mon., Wed., Fri. 5:30pm; Tues. & Thurs., 9am. Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:15-5:15pm Saturday or by appointment (260) 563-4750.

**St. Patrick's Catholic Church**, Main Street in Lagro. Holy Mass 12:30pm the 1st Sunday of the month except January and February.

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**Christian Heritage Church**, 2776 River Road. (260) 774-3016. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm.

**LaFontaine Christian Church**, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine. Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Sunday School 9am, Worship 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Church of Christ**, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.

## CHURCH OF GOD

**First Church of God**, 525 N. Miami Street. Pastor Robert Rensberger. (260) 563-5346. Sunday School at 9:15am, for all ages. Continental breakfast at 10am. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am. Nursery care is available during worship service. Stair lift available.

## CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

**Wabash Church of the Brethren**, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Interim, Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus... Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship.

## DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

**Wabash Christian Church**, 110 W Hill Street. Rev. Haley Asberry, Minister. (260) 563-4179. Worship 9:30am. Sunday School 11am. Nursery provided.

## INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**Bachelor Creek Church of Christ**, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: bachelorcreek.com; Solomon David, Lead Minister; Michael Eaton, Worship Minister; Ken Goble, Senior Adults Minister; Taylor McSarland, Women's Director; David Diener, Student Minister; Tyler Leland, Children's Minister; Nate Tyler, Youth & Outreach Minister; Ryan Keim, Next Step Minister; Janet Legesse, Early Childhood Director. NOW OFFERING 2 SERVICE TIMES. Adult Bible Fellowship & Worship, 9:15am, 10:45am.

## LUTHERAN

**Living Faith Lutheran Church (NALC)**, 242 S Huntington St. Wabash IN. Pastor Tom Curry. Worship begins each Sunday morning at 10:10 am with Bible study classes for all ages at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship and a time of fellowship after each service. Wednesday evenings include soup supper at 6:00 pm followed by an informal service at 7:00 pm. www.LivingFaithWabash.org

**Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)**, 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! tlcwabash@gmail.com.

**Zion Lutheran Church LCMS**, 173 Hale Drive. Reverend Gerald Gauthier II. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study at 9:15am. Morning Worship 10:30am. Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday of every month. Preaching and caring with Christ crucified for you! www.zionwabash.org

## UNITED METHODIST

**First United Methodist Church**, 110 N Cass Street. Senior Pastor Nathan Whybrew, Pastor of Visitation Rev. John Cook. Director of Children's Ministry Angel Hostettler. (260) 563-3108. Sunday Schedule: 8 & 10am Worship Service. 9am Teen & Adult Sunday School & Children's faith learning. 10:15am Sunday School for Pre-School thru 5th Grade following Children's Message (except for 1st Sunday each month). Kids First Child Care: age 4 weeks thru 12 years 6am to 6pm weekdays. Carolyn Satterfield, Director. Wesley Academy Pre-School: age 3 through Pre-K. Susan Vanlandingham, Director. This Sunday is our Confirmation and Graduate Sunday. Our notice has been adapted to reflect that.

**North Manchester United Methodist Church**, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Mark Eastway. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

**Richvalley United Methodist Church**, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all ages.

**Roann United Methodist Church**, Corner of Adams and Arnold Street, Roann. Pastor Wayne Balmer. (765) 833-2931. Worship Celebration 9am. Sunday School 10:15am.



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Money...when we have some we worry about how to spend it; when we don't have any we worry about how to get it. We need money to survive, but it can't bring us happiness. No matter how much money we have we will never be satisfied if money is all we care about. What if we centered our life on God? When we focus on God we can find satisfaction and joy whether we have piles of money or just enough to get by. With wisdom, Proverbs 16:16 says, "How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! And to get understanding rather than silver!" You can get centered on God at your house of worship! Like it says on our money..."In God We Trust". Trust Him and He will take care of the rest!

### Daily Bible Reading

Matthew 24:1-28	Matthew 24:29-51	Matthew 25:1-30	Matthew 25:31-46	Psalm 24	Psalm 91	Psalm 92
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Area Calendar

Boys basketball - Manchester at Wawasee, 7:30 p.m.; Wabash at Delta, 7:30 p.m.; Southwood at Huntington North, 7:30 p.m.

Apaches overwhelm Alexandria

Wabash's girls' basketball team won its third consecutive game on Wednesday, downing Alexandria 61-47. Alivia Short had 16 points and 10 rebounds and Mariah Wyatt had 14 points and 10 boards.

Southwood wrestling falls on road

In the second dual meet of the year, the Southwood wrestling team lost at Elwood, 42-30. Victories came from Luke Kirk (220 lbs.), Isaac King (160 lbs.), Devin Danzy (138 lbs.), Braxton Worthington (145 lbs.) and Dylan Abshire (152 lbs.).

Long awaited indoor ski slope debuts at New Jersey megamall

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — An indoor ski slope that has been the most visible feature of the long-delayed American Dream megamall in New Jersey for more than a decade has finally opened. Olympic downhill champion Lindsey Vonn took the first official run down the 1,000-foot slope Thursday. Mall owner Triple Five says it's the only indoor slope in North America. The ski slope was one of the first elements built more than a decade ago and could be seen from the adjacent New Jersey Turnpike. The retail and entertainment project began in 2003 next to the Meadowlands sports complex but stalled because of financing problems. Triple Five took over in 2010 and began a phased opening in October. All elements are expected to be open by spring. The ski slope measures 180,000 square feet and includes a beginners' area. It is 16 stories high with a 160-foot vertical drop. It is equipped to make more than 4 tons of snow per hour.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL



PASS: Southwood's Erin Lehner passes to a teammate during a game earlier this season for the Knights.

FILE PHOTO

Woeful offense dooms Knights on road

BY CHUCK LANDIS clandis@chronicle-tribune.com MARION - Offense has been a challenge for both the Eastbrook and Southwood girls basketball teams through the early part of the 2019-20 season and that trend continued Wednesday night on the Panthers' home floor. The Knights shot just 12.5 percent from the floor (6-of-48) for the game while the Panthers went the entire fourth quarter without a basket (0-of-5), made only one free throw and committed 10 turnovers. But after building up a 21-point cushion through

three quarters aided by their active defense, the Panthers earned a 34-18 win, their second of the season. Johwen McKim scored 15 points with a trio of 3-point baskets and the sophomore guard continued to lead the Panthers offensively. "I struggled with confidence big last year and kinda some this year," said McKim, who was 3-of-4 from behind the 3-point stripe. "All of the coaches have talked with me about what I can do and I'm really trusting my teammates. "Our defenses led to our offense tonight and having confidence in everyone and

yourself made a big difference," she added. Eastbrook (2-2) had lost its previous two games and survived the 1-point fourth quarter to earn the victory. Southwood (2-5) came with full-court pressure in the final period, but the Knights could not shoot themselves back in the game, connecting on just 2-of-18 field goal attempts. "We lost some focus there in the fourth quarter," Eastbrook coach Jeff Liddick said. "For three quarters I thought we played a darn good basketball game. And then for whatever reason we tried forcing things that were

not there and allowed a little bit of ball pressure to freak us out and make some decisions that weren't the best ones to be making. "That's something I don't know why we did it, but we did and we've got to learn not to repeat it," he added. Southwood's first basket was a 3-pointer from Makenna Pace with 34 seconds left in the first quarter. Ashley Smith hit a 2-pointer midway through the second quarter and that was it. After shooting just 2-for-19 in the first half, the Knights trailed 22-5 at halftime.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Fields says he's good for Big Ten Championship

BY MITCH STACY AP Sports Writer COLUMBUS, Ohio — Justin Fields' first real hero moment came in the third quarter last Saturday, a display of toughness destined to live in the lore of the Ohio State-Michigan game. The first-year starter who had led the Buckeyes to a perfect record went down and couldn't get up after a teammate rolled onto his left leg. Ohio State fans held their breath. All Fields was thinking at that moment was getting off the field because his father always told when he was a kid that if you get hurt, get up and get to the sideline as fast as you can. But he couldn't, and trainers had to help. "A little scary," said receiver Austin Mack, who caught Fields' pass on the play. Once in the pop-up medical tent, Fields replaced his knee brace with a sturdier

model and got ready to go again. On his first play back in, he scrambled to his left and threw a 30-yard touchdown pass to Garrett Wilson in the back of the end zone to give the Buckeyes a 42-16 lead on the way to a 56-27 win, the eighth straight for the Buckeyes in "The Game." "Blew me away," coach Ryan Day said. "Looking at the shot he took, how tough he was, to come back and make a play like that. One of the coolest things I've been a part of." The low-key Fields was named Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year this week and could end up as a Heisman Trophy finalist after leading Ohio State to a 12-0 season and another berth in the conference championship game, against Wisconsin on Saturday. Win or lose, the Buckeyes seem destined to make the College Football Playoff.

The question this week is the condition of Fields' knee — a previous injury was aggravated a week earlier against Penn State — with potentially three games to play. Day and Fields both say it's fine, even though he will wear the heavy brace on his plant leg for the entire game Saturday. He acknowledges it affects his mobility but not his passing. "He'll be playing," Day said without hesitation. "We'll use him all 60 minutes." There have been many keys to Ohio State's success this season: The nation's top-ranked defense featuring conference defensive player of the year Chase Young; one of the top running backs in the country in J.K. Dobbins; and an offensive line with four new starters that has been excellent. But Fields has been the engine that powers the machine. The Georgia transfer

has accounted for 47 total touchdowns (37 passing, 10 rushing). Those numbers came without him playing in the second half of blowouts, which most games were this season. Fields seems to have an inner calmness that is never far away, despite an occasional celebration on the sideline.. He reacted to last Saturday's injury with an almost serene approach. "I just go about life," Fields said Tuesday, while acknowledging that his knee still hurt. "Everything happens for a reason. God has a plan, so when bad things happen in life, I really don't stress over it. I kind of just go with the flow and just lean on God to help me out, so I really don't get sad or down about things. If I tore my ACL I would be the same right now. That's just how I go about life in general, really."

NFL

Six rookie QBs have already earned wins this season

BY ROB MAADDI AP Pro Football Writer

While Tom Brady and Drew Brees pursue Peyton Manning, Devlin Hodges is chasing Ed Rubbert. Say what? Manning's record of 539 touchdown passes could be broken by both Brady and Brees during the final month of the regular season. Brady has thrown 535 TD passes and Brees has 532. As for Hodges, he only has three TD passes in two games for the Pittsburgh Steelers. But Hodges became the first undrafted rookie quarterback to win his first two career starts since Rubbert in 1987. Rubbert won his three starts with the Washington Redskins as a replacement player during a strike. He never played in the NFL after it ended. Hodges is one of six rookie quarterbacks to win games this season, joining Arizona's Kyler Murray, Denver's Drew Lock, Washington's Dwayne Haskins, the Giants' Daniel Jones and Jacksonville's Gardner Minshew. That group of six represents the most in a non-strike season in league history. Seven rookie quarterbacks won games in 1987. Detroit's David Blough tries to make it seven this season when the Lions play Minnesota on Sunday.

CHASING MIKE

Lamar Jackson is 23 rushing yards away from becoming the second quarterback in NFL history with a 1,000-yard rushing season, and he needs 63 yards to break Michael Vick's single-season record for quarterbacks. Vick had 1,039 in 2006. Jackson already has the record for most 100-yard games in a season with four. Jackson is a major part of Baltimore's success on the ground. The Ravens lead the league in rushing with 2,494 yards this season.

DUAL THREATS

Sunday's game between the Ravens and Buffalo Bills will feature the most combined rushing yards (1,407) by starting quarterbacks than any contest in league history. Jackson has 977 and Josh Allen has 430.

FITZMAGIC

Ryan Fitzpatrick led the Dolphins to five straight touchdown drives in a 37-31 upset over Philadelphia. The Eagles hadn't allowed more than 225 yards passing in five straight games and held opponents to 17 points or less in four in a row until running into Fitzpatrick.

THE LITTLE TRACTOR

Titans running back Derrick Henry is the fifth player in league history to record at least 145 yards rushing and a TD rushing in three consecutive games, joining Pro Football Hall of Famers Jim Brown (1958), Eric Dickerson (1984) and O.J. Simpson (1976), and Adrian Peterson (2012).

ROOKIE SHOWDOWN

When the Raiders host the Titans, some of the league's top rookies will be on display. Oakland's Josh Jacobs leads all rookies in

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SCOREBOARD

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	10	2	0	.833	232	145
Buffalo	9	3	0	.750	257	188
N.Y. Jets	4	8	0	.333	204	280
Miami	3	9	0	.250	200	377
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	8	4	0	.667	293	271
Tennessee	7	5	0	.583	276	234
Indianapolis	6	6	0	.500	261	257
Jacksonville	4	8	0	.333	220	292
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	10	2	0	.833	406	219
Pittsburgh	7	5	0	.583	236	225
Cleveland	5	7	0	.417	246	272
Cincinnati	1	11	0	.083	179	298
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	8	4	0	.667	348	265
Oakland	6	6	0	.500	237	261
Denver	4	8	0	.333	198	237
L.A. Chargers	4	8	0	.333	244	241
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	6	6	0	.500	310	236
Philadelphia	5	7	0	.417	274	284
Washington	3	9	0	.250	173	290
N.Y. Giants	2	10	0	.167	230	339
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New Orleans	10	2	0	.833	298	248
Tampa Bay	5	7	0	.417	340	346
Carolina	5	7	0	.417	280	320
Atlanta	3	9	0	.250	260	323
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	9	3	0	.750	289	255
Minnesota	8	4	0	.667	319	242
Chicago	6	6	0	.500	212	208
Detroit	3	8	1	.292	280	315
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	10	2	0	.833	329	293
San Francisco	10	2	0	.833	349	183
L.A. Rams	7	5	0	.583	283	250
Arizona	3	8	1	.292	255	351
y-clinched division						
Thursday's Game						
Dallas at Chicago						
Sunday's Games						
Washington at Green Bay, 1 p.m.						
Indianapolis at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.						
San Francisco at New Orleans, 1 p.m.						
Carolina at Atlanta, 1 p.m.						
Detroit at Minnesota, 1 p.m.						
Denver at Houston, 1 p.m.						
Baltimore at Buffalo, 1 p.m.						
Miami at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.						
Cincinnati at Cleveland, 1 p.m.						
L.A. Chargers at Jacksonville, 4:05 p.m.						
Pittsburgh at Arizona, 4:25 p.m.						
Tennessee at Oakland, 4:25 p.m.						
Kansas City at New England, 4:25 p.m.						
Seattle at L.A. Rams, 8:20 p.m.						
Monday's Game						
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 8:15 p.m.						

COLLEGE FOOTBALL						
AP Top 25 Schedule						
Friday, Dec. 6						
No. 5 Utah vs. No. 13 Oregon, Pac-12 championship at Santa Clara, Calif., 8 p.m.						
Saturday, Dec. 7						
No. 1 LSU vs. No. 4 Georgia, SEC championship at Atlanta, 4 p.m.						
No. 2 Ohio State vs. No. 10 Wisconsin, Big Ten championship at Indianapolis, 8 p.m.						
No. 3 Clemson vs. No. 22 Virginia, ACC championship at Charlotte, N.C., 7:30 p.m.						
No. 6 Oklahoma vs. No. 8 Baylor, Big 12 championship at Arlington, Texas, Noon.						
No. 16 Memphis vs. No. 21 Cincinnati, AAC championship, 3:30 p.m.						
No. 19 Boise State vs. Hawaii, MWC championship, 4 p.m.						
No. 20 Appalachian State vs. Louisiana-Lafayette, Sun Belt championship, Noon						

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday's Men's Scores						
EAST						
Akron 85, Marshall 73						
Army 75, NJIT 65						
Brown 82, Merrimack 55						

Colgate 82, Binghamton 74						
Drexel 82, Princeton 76						
Duquesne 71, VMI 58						
George Washington 64, Boston U. 63						
Loyola (Md.) 84, Delaware St. 76						
Maryland 72, Notre Dame 51						
New Hampshire 91, Maine Maritime Academy 37						
Northeastern 78, Maine 63						
Penn St. 76, Wake Forest 54						
Sacred Heart 89, Mass.-Lowell 86						
South Carolina 84, UMass 80						
St. Francis (Pa.) 77, Lehigh 69						
UConn 80, Iona 62						
Villanova 80, Penn 69						
Yale 61, Albany (NY) 52						
SOUTH						
Coastal Carolina 114, Greensboro 79						
ETSU 96, The Citadel 84						
FAU 62, Canisius 69						
FIU 71, Florida Gulf Coast 53						
Georgia 95, NC Central 59						
Georgia Tech 73, Nebraska 56						
Grambling St. 79, Paul Quinn College 69						
Louisiana-Monroe 86, Millsaps 63						
Morehead St. 56, IUPUI 51						
NC A&T 52, Longwood 41						
NC State 69, Wisconsin 54						
Ohio St. 74, North Carolina 49						
Radford 94, James Madison 71						
Tennessee 72, Florida A&M 43						
Towson 76, Morgan St. 59						
Troy 71, North Alabama 63						
Tulane 61, Southern Miss. 56						
UNC-Greensboro 72, Kennesaw St. 54						
MIDWEST						
Chicago St. 89, SIU-Edwardsville 81						
DePaul 65, Texas Tech 60, OT						
Evansville 90, W. Illinois 86						
Fort Wayne 74, E. Illinois 69						
Iowa St. 79, UMKC 61						
Marquette 75, Jacksonville 56						
Ohio 90, Rio Grande 51						
Purdue 69, Virginia 40						
S. Illinois 76, Norfolk St. 59						
Toledo 80, Cleveland St. 65						
Xavier 84, Green Bay 71						
Youngstown St. 81, Robert Morris 70						
SOUTHWEST						
Georgetown 81, Oklahoma St. 74						
Houston 68, Texas State 60						
Tulsa 72, Ark.-Pine Bluff 39						
FAR WEST						
Air Force 86, Wyoming 77						
CS Northridge 71, Portland 64						
California Baptist 79, UC Riverside 67						
Colorado 76, Loyola Marymount 64						
Gonzaga 101, Texas Southern 62						
N. Colorado 92, Northern New Mexico 47						
Nevada 98, Santa Clara 67						
New Mexico 80, Boise St. 78						
Pacific 62, Cal St.-Fullerton 59						
San Diego St. 79, Colorado St. 57						
San Francisco 76, California 64						
UC Davis 85, N. Arizona 66						
UNLV 81, Fresno St. 80, 2OT						
Utah 102, BYU 95, OT						
Utah St. 71, San Jose St. 59						
Washington 90, E. Washington 80						
Washington St. 78, Idaho 65						
Weber St. 72, Utah Valley 67						
Wednesday's Women's Scores						
EAST						
Albany (NY) 81, FDU-Florham 21						
Army 67, LIU Brooklyn 60						
Colgate 88, Siena 51						
Drexel 54, Villanova 52						
Fairfield 66, Navy 50						
George Washington 63, Delaware 49						
Hofstra 51, Morgan St. 39						
Maine 104, Husson 43						
Merrimack 81, Fisher 42						
NJIT 76, St. Peter's 73						
Northeastern 46, Harvard 44						
Penn 65, La Salle 49						
Rhode Island 73, Holy Cross 58						
Saint Joseph's 71, Sacred Heart 44						
St. Francis (NY) 84, East Stroudsburg 62						
Temple 74, Towson 59						
Vermont 86, Norwich 40						
SOUTH						
Appalachian St. 54, Wofford 51						
Auburn 82, South Alabama 62						
Bethune-Cookman 53, Jacksonville 52						
Bucknell 64, George Mason 51						
Indiana 58, Miami 45						
Kentucky 86, Charlotte 39						
Middle Tennessee 70, Lipscomb 49						
Northwestern St. 65, Grambling St. 61						
Troy 72, Auburn-Montgomery 42						
Tulane 62, Southern Miss. 58						
UNC-Wilmington 70, Presbyterian 60						

W. Carolina 69, Charleston Southern 64						
W. Kentucky 74, Oklahoma 63						
MIDWEST						
Duquesne 88, Akron 63						
Illinois St. 78, W. Illinois 65						
Iowa 74, Clemson 60						
Loyola of Chicago 61, Dartmouth 40						
Minnesota 75, Notre Dame 67						
Missouri St. 68, Wichita St. 55						
Nebraska 83, Duke 79						
Northwestern 66, Boston College 63						
Omaha 57, UMKC 53						
SIU-Edwardsville 57, Fort Wayne 53						
South Dakota 72, Creighton 65						
UIC 73, Chicago St. 61						
SOUTHWEST						
Baylor 72, Georgia 38						
Florida Gulf Coast 57, Houston 45						
Texas A&M 76, Cent. Arkansas 46						
Texas State 74, UTSA 69						
Texas Tech 84, Mississippi 48						
Texas-Arlington 68, Wright St. 62						
FAR WEST						
Boise St. 83, New Mexico 82						
CS Northridge 56, Loyola Marymount 54						
Denver 74, N. Colorado 55						
Idaho 65, San Diego 32						
New Mexico St. 75, Western New Mexico 56						
San Diego St. 59, Colorado St. 49						
San Francisco 71, Cal St.-Fullerton 63						
San Jose St. 76, Utah St. 61						
Washington St. 85, Ark.-Pine Bluff 56						
Wyoming 65, Air Force 63						
NBA						
EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division						
	W	L	Pct	GB		
Boston	15	5	.750	—		
Toronto	15	5	.750	—		
Philadelphia	15	6	.714	½		
Brooklyn	11	10	.524	4½		
New York	4	17	.190	11½		
Southeast Division						
	W	L	Pct	GB		
Miami	15	6	.714	—		
Orlando	10	11	.476	5		
Charlotte	9	14	.391	7		
Washington	6	13	.316	8		
Atlanta	5	17	.227	10½		
Central Division						
	W	L	Pct	GB		
Milwaukee	19	3	.864	—		
Indiana	14	7	.667	4½		
Detroit	8	14	.364	11		
Chicago	8	14	.364	11		
Cleveland	5	15	.250	13		
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Southwest Division						
	W	L	Pct	GB		
Dallas	15	6	.714	—		
Houston	13	7	.650	1½		
San Antonio	8	14	.364	7½		
Memphis	6	15	.286	9		
New Orleans	6	15	.286	9		
Northwest Division						
	W	L	Pct	GB		
Denver	13	5	.722	—		
Utah	12	10	.545	3		
Minnesota	10	10	.500	4		
Portland	9	13	.409	6		
Oklahoma City	8	12	.400	6		
Pacific Division						
	W	L	Pct	GB		
L.A. Lakers	19	3	.864	—		
L.A. Clippers	16	6	.727	3		
Phoenix	9	11	.450	9		
Sacramento	8	12	.400	10		
Golden State	4	19	.174	15½		
Wednesday's Games						
Charlotte 106, Golden State 91						
Milwaukee 127, Detroit 103						
Orlando 128, Phoenix 114						
Boston 112, Miami 93						
Brooklyn 130, Atlanta 118						
Chicago 106, Memphis 99						
Indiana 107, Oklahoma City 100						
Dallas 121, Minnesota 114						
L.A. Lakers 121, Utah 96						
Portland 127, Sacramento 116						
Thursday's Games						
Philadelphia at Washington						
Denver at New York						
Houston at Toronto						
Phoenix at New Orleans						
Today's Games						
Brooklyn at Charlotte, 7 p.m.						
Philadelphia at Detroit, 7 p.m.						
Orlando at Cleveland, 7 p.m.						
Denver at Boston, 8 p.m.						
Golden State at Chicago, 8 p.m.						
Minnesota at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.						



NASCAR

# NASCAR goes back to its roots with a huge Nashville blowout

BY JENNA FRYER  
AP Auto Racing Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Kyle Busch toted his championship trophy all over Nashville for photo opportunities. He opened his celebratory week with an appearance on WWE’s “Raw,” then joined industry heavyweights for a NASCAR-themed night at the Grand Ole Opry.

There are burnouts on Broadway and a Wednesday night party with country music star Blake Shelton where fans were camped outside Ole Red for the “Bash on Broadway” and a glimpse of NASCAR’s stars or super fan Shelton.

NASCAR this year shifted its season-ending awards celebration to Nashville after 10 years in Las Vegas in a move designed to reconnect with core fans and pump some life back into the traditional party. The event was a New York City spectacular at the old Waldorf-Astoria until the 2009 decision to go west, but that annual week-long romp had become a chore.

“Vegas, it was so fun out there the first few years, and then it just lost its luster a little bit,” said Clint Bowyer,

who thinks Nashville “just felt right” for the two-day gathering that includes autograph sessions, driver appearances, meetings, news conferences, cocktail parties, Thursday night’s ceremony and an after-party headlined by rapper Nelly.

There is also work to be done as drivers emerged from a two-week slumber following the Nov. 17 season finale where Busch beat Joe Gibbs Racing teammates Denny Hamlin, Martin Truex Jr., and Kevin Harvick of Stewart-Haas Racing to win his second championship.

Hamlin is fresh off shoulder surgery, frustrated the rehabilitation has left the avid athlete unable to play basketball or golf. The one thing Hamlin isn’t bothered about? The bizarre pit call crew chief Chris Gabehart made at Homestead that cost Hamlin a shot at a title.

Gabehart went for an aggressive aerodynamic call and it backfired when a piece of duct tape caused Hamlin’s car to overheat. Hamlin recently spoke to Gabehart and the crew chief was puzzled why his driver wasn’t asking about

the gaffe.

“I just have succumbed to whatever he’s doing, he’s doing for a reason and I am sure he had a reason,” Hamlin said Wednesday. “I can’t go back. If I know more, maybe it just makes me feel crappy for a day. I don’t care. I can’t go back and fix it, and he can’t go back and fix it.”

Kyle Larson opened his off-season with three wins in three sprint car races, and will soon be the top free agent in NASCAR.

Larson is entering the final year of a contract with Chip Ganassi, but the looming retirement of seven-time champion Jimmie Johnson from Hendrick Motorsports and a potential opening at Stewart-Haas has moved Larson to the top of the list of coveted drivers. Hendrick wasn’t such a fan of Kasey Kahne’s extracurricular sprint car races when Kahne drove there, but Stewart-Haas is part-owned by sprint car lover Tony Stewart. Larson knows he has a big decision ahead of him.

“I enjoy what I am doing with Chip and I am a free agent at the end of next year, so I guess I am excited about

that, just to hear what people have to say, but if I do end up with Chip I will be perfectly happy with that,” Larson said. “Wherever I end up, that’s going to be a priority for me, still being able to race quite a bit on dirt tracks, and I think teams understand that.”

Bowyer and Aric Almirola opened the day with an announcement from Stewart-Haas on a crew chief swap for next year, while Brad Keselowski remained in North Carolina with his family following the birth of his second daughter.

MUSIC CITY MEMORIES

NASCAR had a jam-packed itinerary as the series catered to a loyal fanbase hungry for a return of big league racing. The Cup Series ran 42 times at the old Fairgrounds from 1958 through 1984, and the lower-level Xfinity and Truck Series last raced there in 2000.

Nashville Superspeedway held Xfinity and Truck events until 2011. NASCAR also used to host an annual “Sound and Speed” event that mixed its stars and country artists at events around Nashville until 2010.

# NASCAR signs 4 premier partners to sponsor Series

BY JENNA FRYER  
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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — NASCAR has signed Busch Beer, Coca-Cola, Geico and Xfinity as its “premier partners” in a change to its traditional sponsorship model.

The premier series starting next year will be known as the NASCAR Cup Series and not feature a title sponsor. Winston, Nextel, Sprint and most recently Monster Energy have served as the entitlement sponsors for the stock car racing series.

“This has been a monumental year for our sport, one highlighted by significant changes in our business model to ensure long-term viability and growth,” NASCAR President Steve Phelps said of Thursday’s announcement. “As we begin this new chapter, we are joined by four incredible brands with deep-rooted histories across all levels of our sport. We are honored to have this elite group represent our NASCAR Cup Series for years to come.”

All four of the premier partners will be featured in multiple platforms across the sport, including integrations in broadcast, NASCAR digital and social channels, event entitlements, in-market promotions and at-track activations. The four companies will also have a presence in the championship race and the All-Star race.

Winston was NASCAR’s first non-automotive major sponsor and the tobacco company helped grow the regional racing series into a national brand over a 33-year relationship. The series was the Winston Cup Series until the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company ended its sponsorship in 2003.

Nextel replaced Winston to form the Nextel Cup Series, and that became Sprint after the two companies merged. The series has been the Monster Energy Cup Series the last three seasons.

When Monster decided to end its entitlement role, NASCAR decided to change its sales structure and move away from one presenting sponsor. The final model, announced

Thursday hours ahead of the season-ending awards ceremony, simply features the four premier sponsors in all signage and most NASCAR markings.

“This new model will provide our premier partners with a heightened level of integration and visibility across all aspects of our sport,” said Daryl Wolfe, NASCAR executive vice president and chief sales and operations officer. “Each of these partners have demonstrated their commitment to our brand-loyal fan base and we are excited about how these brands will elevate the NASCAR Cup Series.”

Busch Beer returned as an official NASCAR partner in 2018 as sponsor of the Busch Pole Award, which will continue. Busch Beer will also sponsor a yet to be announced Cup race in 2020. Anheuser-Busch’s history in NASCAR dates to 1978 when it first sponsored the Busch Pole Award, and Busch was the “official beer of NASCAR” from 1988-97.

Coca-Cola has been involved with stock car racing for 50 years and became a NASCAR Official Partner in 1998. Coca-Cola will continue its sponsorship of both NASCAR Troops to the Track and NASCAR Salutes, the portion of the season focused on highlighting industry-wide appreciation of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Coca-Cola will also continue to own race entitlements at Charlotte Motor Speedway and Daytona International Speedway. Additionally, Coca-Cola becomes the presenting sponsor of the NASCAR Cup Series regular-season championship trophy.

Geico is already NASCAR’s “official insurance provider” and will be the presenting sponsor of a season phase. Comcast’s Xfinity brand signed a 10-year partner agreement in 2015 as title sponsor of the second-tier Xfinity Series.

Xfinity will maintain its Xfinity Series sponsorship and sponsor the elimination race to set the championship field at Martinsville Speedway.

GOLF

# Reed builds 3-shot lead in Bahamas as Tiger rallies

BY DOUG FERGUSON  
AP Golf Writer

NASSAU, Bahamas — A tropical breeze replaced the raging wind and made golf a lot easier for Patrick Reed, Tiger Woods and just about everyone else Thursday in the Hero World Challenge.

Reed took advantage of the back nine at Albany Golf Club for the second straight day. He was tied for the lead until making six birdies over his last 10 holes for a 6-under 66 that gave him a three-shot lead over U.S. Open champion Gary Woodland.

“It’s one of those golf courses that when the wind lays down, it gives you opportunities to make birdies,” Reed said. “But when the wind starts blowing, the golf course can get really challenging. You need to give yourself as many opportunities as you can.”

Reed was at 12-under 132. Woods, playing for the first time since he won in Japan for his record-tying

82nd career victory on the PGA Tour, kept a clean card to match Reed’s 66 and remain six shots behind. Unlike the opening round, when Woods started poorly and ended even worse to wipe out a good back nine, he played bogey-free and made up ground on the back nine.

It started with a 6-iron that hopped onto the green at the par-5 11th and rolled 7 feet away for an eagle. He followed with a 7-iron to 8 feet for another birdie. He didn’t make up any ground on Reed, but he at least cut down on the number of players ahead of him as he tries to win his holiday event for the first time since 2011.

“I just think it was less windy,” Woods said. “It was a little bit easier today.”

Once he got through the front nine, where he spent much of the time scrambling for pars outside of a lone birdie, Woods didn’t miss too many shots coming in. A week before he heads over to

Australia as the playing captain for the U.S. team in the Presidents Cup, the game looked to be in order.

Woods attributed that to the minor knee surgery in late August to repair cartilage damage.

“I can drive the ball a little better because I can rotate, and I can putt the ball better because I can get down and read putts again,” Woods said. “Toward the end of the year, I couldn’t do that.”

Woodland, who makes his Presidents Cup debut next week, lost ground with consecutive bogeys that left him six shots behind at one point. He fixed that by finishing with three straight birdies for a 69 and will be paired with Reed again on Friday for the third round.

The tournament ends Saturday so the American team can board a charter to Melbourne, arriving on Monday. Dustin Johnson, who withdrew from the Bahamas to have one more week for his knee to recover, plans to fly

in on Saturday to join the rest of the Americans on the charter.

Defending champion Jon Rahm also had a 66 to match the low round of the day, leaving him four shots behind with Henrik Stenson, who had a 67.

Woods was in the group at 6-under 138 along with Rickie Fowler and Justin Thomas, who each shot 69. Fowler, who got married during his offseason and then missed a tournament recovering from food poisoning, is playing for the first time since the Tour Championship on Aug. 25.

All but three players broke par, and the high score belonged to Bubba Watson and Chez Reavie at 73.

Reed is playing this week with a set of prototype irons he has been working on, and he’s keeping it private until the new year. Golf Channel reported earlier this week that the company was Japan-based Grindworks. He also has a new putter.

NFL

# 8 finalists announced for NFL’s annual Art Rooney Sportsmanship Award

NEW YORK (AP) — Veterans Adrian Peterson, Calais Campbell and Thomas Davis Sr. are among the eight finalists for the NFL’s Art Rooney Sportsmanship Award.

The league revealed the finalists Thursday. Along with the Washington running back, Jacksonville defensive end and Los Angeles

Chargers linebacker, they include Indianapolis wide receiver T.Y. Hilton; New England special teams ace Matthew Slater; Detroit quarterback Matthew Stafford; San Francisco offensive tackle Joe Staley; and Los Angeles Rams safety Eric Weddle.

Staley is a finalist for the fifth consecutive season,

while Campbell and Weddle are finalists for the second straight year.

Each NFL team nominates one man for the award, which recognizes players who exemplify outstanding sportsmanship on the field. The award was created in 2014 in honor of the late founding owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers and a Pro

Football Hall of Famer.

A panel of former players select the eight finalists from the 32 nominees. The panel is comprised of Hall of Famer Curtis Martin, Warrick Dunn, Karl Mecklenberg and Leonard Wheeler. The eight finalists will be listed on the Pro Bowl ballot under the NFL Sportsmanship Award category.

## KNIGHTS

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Shooting wasn’t the Knights’ only trouble spot as Eastbrook had a 46-26 rebounding advantage, led by Lexi Binkerd’s 12 and Shauna Singer’s 10.

“We shot dreadfully and our effort was poor in the first half,” Southwood coach Chad West said. “We didn’t box out at all in the first half and you can’t do that. We won the second half - it was only 13-12 - and if we play with the same effort in the first half that we did in the second it still might be a game.

“That’s the disappointing thing not coming out ready to play,” West continued. “Just on an effort standpoint,

we know we’re undersized and give up some offensive rebounds, but it can’t be multiple shots every possession.”

Eastbrook had 15 offensive rebounds (Southwood had seven) and the extra possessions helped overcome its own erratic shooting. The Panthers made 13-of-39 shot attempts for 33 percent, but a 5-of-10 hot stretch in the third quarter allowed them to stretch out to a 31-12 lead.

McKim showcased her great speed throughout the soccer season and the basketball court just seems to accentuate her quickness. Besides her scoring, McKim made two assists and two steals and provided the energy at the top of the Panthers’ zone defense.

“We challenged Johwen at the beginning of the season that she had the capabilities to break defenses down and create shots for her and teammates,” Liddick said. “She did that extremely well tonight. Her shot from the perimeter looked better because she was taking, ing shots in the rhythm of the offense and not forcing those shots.”

Binkerd just missed a double-double, scoring nine points, and Singer also contributed five points, three assists and two steals.

Pace led Southwood with six points while Smith and Aleia Sweet each scored four. The Knights were missing their two tallest players, Sierra Stout and Kayla Mays, who are both listed at 5-foot-9.

“We’ve got to find people willing to give up their bodies and box out girls bigger than them,” West said. “We’ve got to find girls willing to run down long rebounds. And we’ve got to find girls who dive on the floor for loose balls because that’s how you win close, ugly games is by doing those little things.

“We didn’t do that in the first half and not enough in the second half,” he added. “Coach Liddick’s teams have always done that ... and they worked their tails off tonight and deserved to win.”

Eastbrook hosts Mississinewa on Friday to open Central Indiana Conference play. Southwood visits Rochester on Saturday in its Three Rivers Conference opener.

## NFL

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yards rushing (1,061), TDs rushing (seven) and scrimmage yards (1,207). Tennessee wide receiver A.J. Brown leads AFC rookies with 626 yards receiving. On defense, Oakland’s Maxx Crosby has 7 1/2 sacks.

## STAYING ALIVE

With one-quarter of the season remaining, 26 teams are still in playoff contention. In the NFC East, the Redskins are still in the race despite a 3-9 record. The Cowboys lead the division at 6-6. Washington needs to win its last four plus have Dallas lose its last four and Philadelphia must go 1-3.



Lonely husband gives more than he's getting from wife

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I married in our early 40s. I have given my all to her, but I have always felt underappreciated.

I always wanted to be a father, but she didn't want to have kids. After we were together for a few years, she changed her mind, so we decided

to try for a child and were surprised to discover after only a week of trying that we were pregnant. A few months ago, we were blessed with our beautiful, healthy daughter.

My wife had difficulty with breastfeeding, so she decided to stop and solely bottle-feed. I have been supportive of her decision, but she still feels sad and guilty about it. I have done all I can to encourage and comfort her, but she just brushes me off.

I love my wife with all that I am, but I don't feel loved in return. Since we started dating, she has always called me "Babe." Now she calls me by my first name. I tell her I love her every day, but she hasn't said it back since the baby was born. She also doesn't say goodnight when she goes to bed.

We haven't kissed in almost two months. I receive no affection from her; she never even touches me. I don't care about not having sex, but she won't even touch my arm or try to hold my hand. I feel alone and lonely in my own home. What can I do to change things? — Heartsick Husband

DEAR HUSBAND: Tell your wife what you have written. She may be feeling overwhelmed and exhausted from taking care of a brand-new baby, or suffer from a common condition called postpartum depression. (It's sometimes referred to as the "baby blues" for a reason.) Urge her to discuss how she has been feeling with her OB/GYN because, with medical help, the condition is treatable. Please don't wait because the sooner this is dealt with, the better it will be for all three of you.

DEAR ABBY: I recently housesat for a friend and her family while they were on vacation because they needed someone to water their plants and take out their dog. Cleaning is a favorite pastime of mine, so while I was there, I did some tidying up. I did not enter any of their bedrooms and only did small tasks such as vacuum and mop the common areas. I genuinely thought I was being considerate by going above and beyond.

When they returned, they seemed shocked and even slightly offended, and made jokes about how I must think they are messy. At the time, it seemed fine, but I understand now it may have been misinterpreted.

Did I cross a boundary, and should I avoid doing this in the future? How should I apologize? I feel terrible for offending them. — Cleaning's My Thing

DEAR C.M.T.: Stop beating yourself up and ASK your friend if she was offended that you mopped and dusted while you were housesitting. If the answer is yes, apologize. And when you do, explain that you are somewhat of a "neatnik" and thought they would be pleased to come home and find fewer chores needing to be done. If she's truly offended, you won't be asked to housesit again, but I have a strong hunch you will be.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Dear Abby



CROSSWORD

- ACROSS  
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4 "— & Clark"  
8 CPA's sum  
11 Sp. miss  
12 Female relative  
13 Sunbeam  
14 Sonnet writer  
15 Pakistan's language  
16 Be off base  
17 Shade providers  
19 Big Dipper neighbor  
21 Aah's partner  
22 Life story  
23 Not chic  
26 Swindlers  
29 Give it —  
30 "Damn Yankees" vamp  
32 Decree  
34 Dry riverbed  
36 Portuguese lady  
38 Bulldogs backer  
39 Foul-tasting

- 41 Prime time hour  
43 Familiar digit  
44 Use a straw  
45 Tut's tomb site  
48 Prudishly  
52 Before  
53 Marathon  
55 Blaring  
56 Fleming of spydom  
57 Tien Shan mountains  
58 They give a hoot  
59 Gator Bowl site  
60 Sketch  
61 Dik-dik cousin

- DOWN  
1 Boat front  
2 Ra's symbol  
3 Pi and such  
4 Make merry  
5 Not his and hers  
6 Not Dem. or Rep.  
7 Atelier  
8 Zone

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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9 Mr. Chagall  
10 Rookie  
11 Sauna site  
18 Playwright — Coward  
20 Building part  
22 Fiber source  
23 Bear's foot  
24 Biology gel  
25 Ice cream treat  
26 Lump of dirt  
27 Ukraine's capital  
28 Car deal  
31 Garfield's canine pal  
33 Metal in bronze  
35 Gung-ho about  
37 Great Wall locale  
40 Where to hold your horses  
42 Literary postscript  
44 Tankard  
45 Eric the Red's son  
46 Caspian feeder  
47 Warrior princess  
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49 Gridiron play  
50 Comic strip moppet  
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54 Frazier foe

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION																	
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1	9	3	5	7	4	2	6	8									

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

KENAL

GRTIE

LMINEB

HYSECP

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

I think I've identified another one!

No one recognizes alms like you do.

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WHEN SCIENTIST ALBERT GHIORSO ADDED TO THE PERIODIC TABLE, HE WAS ---

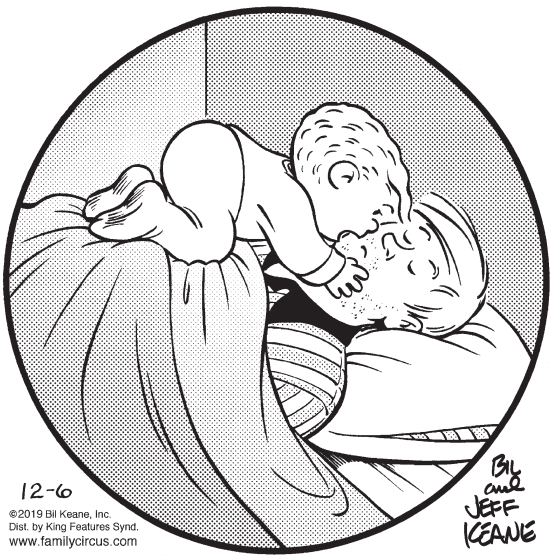
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: UTTER SENSE TIGHTS RABBIT  
Answer: The ram friends, who loved to smash their heads together, were — BEST "BUTTIES"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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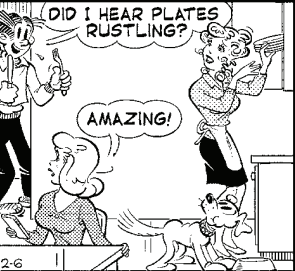
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"Are you ready to be awake, Daddy?"

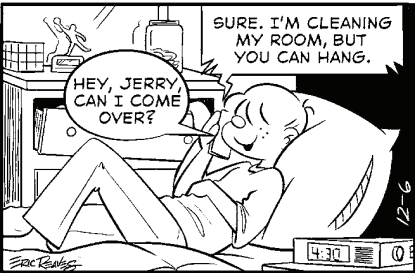
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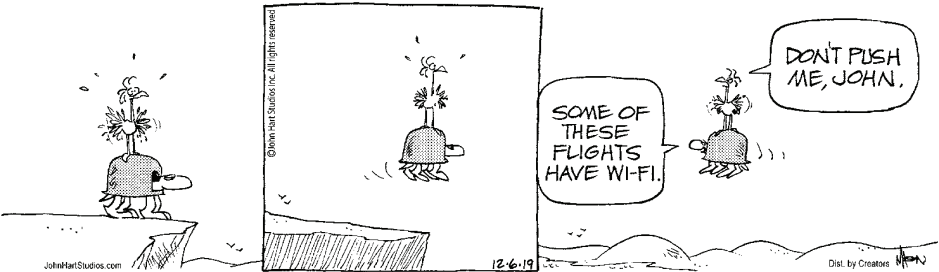
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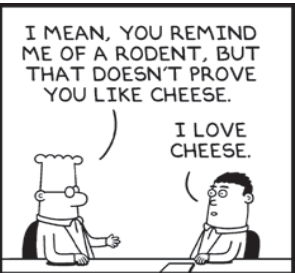
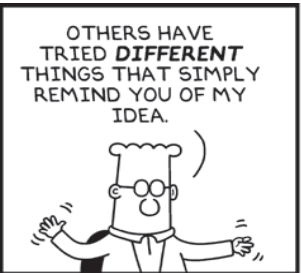
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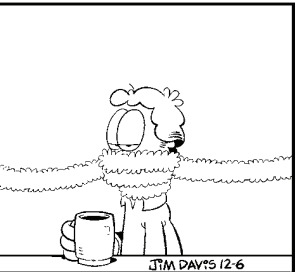
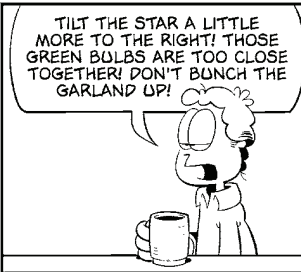
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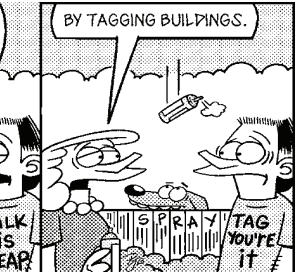
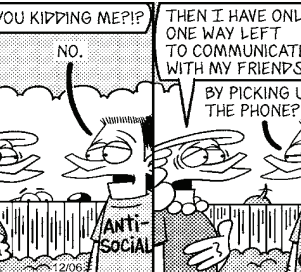
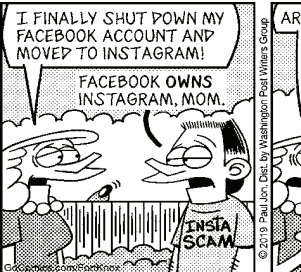
DILBERT



GARFIELD



FORT KNOX



PICKLES



Truth flows from the pages of Scripture

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: Last Christmas a neighbor gave my children a Bible trivia game. I have never really believed in the Bible; however, as I have read the questions to them and heard their different answers, it caused me to go and buy a Bible and dig for the answers. One particular question is:

How many verses in the Bible are inspirational? — S.P.

A: Nothing pleases God more than for people to search out the truth of His Word. The Bible declares, "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching . . . for training in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16, NASB). Truth flows from the pages of Scripture.

Parents have the most influence on their children; in fact, the influence cannot be measured. Children know and ab-

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(Deuteronomy 6:7-9).

What a wonderful thing it is for the home to be centered on God's truth. The home only fulfills its true purpose when it is God-controlled. The Bible takes the word "home" with all of its tender associations and sacred memories, and applies it to the hereafter and tells us that Heaven can be our eternal home. God bless parents that nurture their children through the reading of His Word and living it out before them. For those who have never known a loving home on earth, Heaven can be that place of everlasting hope forever.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"MSS DBMD K JCJH IMWDJR IMP DG  
BJMH VU CGKXJ GW HJXGHR MWR  
BMCJ M PGWT MVGWT DBJ DGN 20."  
— NMDPU XSKWJ

Previous Solution: "I still believe in Santa, the Easter Bunny, the Tooth Fairy and true love. Don't even try to tell me different." — Dolly Parton

TODAY'S CLUE: W s;enb A





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Administrative

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Item	Unit
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3. 20,000 gal -Diesel Fuel Premium #2 Fuel Oil (picked up)	Per gallon
4. #2 Crushed Stone (picked up)	Per ton
5. #2 Crushed Stone (delivered to City of Wabash)	Per ton
6. #23 Sand (picked up)	Per ton
7. #23 Sand (delivered to City of Wabash)	Per ton
8. #53 Crushed stone (picked up)	Per ton
9. #53 Crushed stone (delivered to City of Wabash)	Per ton
10. #73 Crushed stone (picked up)	Per ton
11. #73 Crushed stone (delivered to City of Wabash)	Per ton
12. HMA 9.5mm Surface Type B (delivered laid & rolled)	Per ton
13. HMA 9.5mm Surface Type B (picked up)	Per ton
14. HMA19.0mm Intermediate, Type B (delivered, laid & rolled)	Per ton
15. HMA19.0 mm Intermediate, Type B (picked up)	Per ton
16. Raised manholes, inlets & catch basins	Each
17. Cold Mix-bituminous patching (picked up)	Per ton
18. Tack coat-applied	Per gallon
19. 4" concrete cast in place sidewalk	Per sq ft
20. 6" concrete cast in place sidewalk	Per sq ft
21. Sidewalk Removal	Per sq ft
22. Concrete Curb (rolled)	Per In ft
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24. Curb removal	Per In ft

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STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF WABASH SS: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WABASH COUNTY WABASH, INDIANA U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE CIM TRUST 2017-8 MORTGAGE-BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2017-8 CAUSE NO. 85C01-1910-MF-000864 PLAINTIFF vs RONALD R. CRAMER; BRENDA CRAMER, DECEASED; HSBC FINANCE CORPORATION, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO HFTA FINANCIAL CORPORATION F/K/A TRANSAMERICA FINANCIAL SERVICES DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF SUIT To the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is the foreclosure of a mortgage upon the property legally described as follows: Part of the Southwest Quarter of Section Number Twenty-six (26), in Township Twenty-six (26) North of Range Six (6) East of the Second Principal Meridian, Wabash County Indiana, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of Section Number Twenty-six (26), thence Due East for a distance of One Hundred Forty-nine and Four tenths (149.4) feet, or to the PLACE OF BEGINNING; thence Due East for a distance of One Hundred Ninety-four and Eight tenths (194.8) feet; thence South Eighty-nine (89) degrees Forty-three (43) minutes East for a distance of Three Hundred Thirty and Seven tenths (330.7) feet or to the Northwest corner of a parcel of land conveyed to one Alberta Scott on September 3, 1964 and duly recorded in Deed Record 198, page 564 in the Office of the Recorder of Wabash County, Indiana; thence South Two (2) degrees Thirty-five (35) minutes West for a distance of Three Hundred Eighty-one and Eight tenths (381.8) feet to the Southwest corner of a parcel of land conveyed to E. and C. Carson on February 28, 1966 and duly recorded in Deed Record 204, page 161 in the Office of the Recorder of Wabash County, Indiana; thence South Eighty-nine (89) degrees Forty-three (43) minutes East, and along the South boundary of the parcel conveyed to E. and C. Carson, for a distance of Two Hundred Forty (240) feet to the centerline of an existing road; thence South Two (2) degrees Thirty-five (35) minutes West for a distance of Twenty-five (25) feet along the said centerline; thence North Eighty-nine (89) degrees Forty-three (43) minutes West for a distance of Four Hundred Thirty-five and Four tenths (435.4) feet; thence Due North for a distance of Sixty-four (64) feet; thence Due West for a distance of Two Hundred Sixty-six (266) feet; thence North Seven (7) degrees Forty (40) minutes West for a distance of Three Hundred Forty-three and One tenth (343.1) feet to the place of beginning. Containing within the above described bounds, Four and Three Thousand Twenty-five ten thousandths (4.3025) acres, more or less, in Wabash County, Indiana. Commonly known as: 10522 South Old State Road 13 La Fontaine, IN 46940-9105 This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown. Ronald R. Cramer In addition to the above-named defendants being served by this summons, there may be other defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit. An answer or other appropriate response in writing to the Complaint must be filed either by you or your attorney with the Clerk of the Court for Wabash County at: Clerk of Wabash County 69 West Hill Street Wabash, IN 46992 on or before the 29th day of December, 2019, (the same being thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgment may be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.  
Codilis Law, LLC  
By:/S/Kristin L. Durianski 24866-64  
ATTEST:  
/S/Lori J. Draper  
Clerk, Wabash Circuit Court  
This firm is deemed to be a debt collector.  
Kristin L. Durianski 24866-64  
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STATE OF INDIANA IN THE WABASH CIRCUIT COURT SS: COUNTY OF WABASH CAUSE NO 85C01-1911-MF-000956 FIRST MERCHANTS BANK, an Indiana bank, f/k/a First Merchants Bank, National Association, Plaintiff, vs. Ruben E. Friend, Deceased, by and through his spouse, widow, heirs, devisees, successors, assigns, and/or all other persons claiming any right, title or interest in the subject real estate by, through or under him or any other person or entity, the names of all of whom are unknown to Plaintiff, Defendant. NOTICE OF SUIT The State of Indiana to the Defendant above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court named above. The nature of the suit against you is Complaint for Foreclosure concerning the real property located at 1075 Hawthorne St., Wabash, IN 46992, more particularly described as follows: Lots Numbered 328 and 329 in Ross Heights Addition to the City of Wabash, as per plat thereof recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Wabash County, Indiana. This Summons by Publication is specifically directed to Ruben E. Friend, Deceased, by and through his spouse, widow, heirs, devisees, successors, assigns and/or all other persons claiming any right, title or interest in the subject real estate by, through or under him or any other person or entity, the names of all of whom are unknown to Plaintiff, and whose last known address is unknown. In addition to the above-named Defendant being served by this Summons, there may be other Defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit. If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint for Foreclosure in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days from the third Notice of Suit and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded.  
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